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March 24, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Navajo Nation Animal Shelter in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources, located at Indian Route #100, Building #1, Room 2636, Window Rock, AZ 86515. The project site is in Crownpoint, New Mexico. The funding would be used for construction of a new animal shelter in Crownpoint, New Mexico to house animals under impoundment or quarantine; provide for animal vaccinations and microchips; spay/neuter; and facilitate animal adoption. This shelter is necessary for public safety and will replace the shelter that was built approximately fifty years ago and has been condemned and closed for at least six years now.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would save taxpayers an estimated \$1,623,000 that is used to treat dog bite cases on the Navajo Nation each year.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Teresa Leger Fernández
Member of Congress